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SUBJECT: FORMER TGS CHIEF ON TERRITORIAL PERCENTAGE IN CYPRUS
SETTLEMENT

REF: A) ANKARA 1825, B) NICOSIA 632 (BOTH NOTAL)

1. IN CONTRAST TO HIS HARD-LINE STATEMENT ON VAROSHA (REFTELS),
RECENTLY RETIRED TURKISH GENERAL STAFF CHIEF SANCAR WAS
QUOTED IN GUNAYDIN MARCH 9 AS PREDICTING: "THE (CYPRUS) MATTER
WILL BE SOLVED IN LARGE MEASURE AT THE ECEVIT-CARAMANLIS SUMMIT.
WE MAY GIVE UP SOME PLACES BUT 25-26 PER CENT OF CYPRUS WILL
REMAIN IN THE TURKISH FEDERATED STATE OF CYPRUS... AFTER
THE SOLUTION OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM, THE EMBARGO WILL BE
LIFTED... THE ECONOMIC EMBARGO CONNECTED TO IT WILL ALSO
BE LIFTED..."

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2. SANCAR ALSO REPORTEDLY SAID: "DURING THE CYPRUS OPERATION
WE NEEDED SOME SPARE PARTS FOR OUR AIRCRAFT. WE ASKED FOR
THESE \$6-7 MILLION WORTH OF SPARE PARTS FROM THEN-PRESIDENT
FORD AND GOT THEM FREE OF CHARGE. WE RECENTLY ASKED FOR SOME
OTHER MATERIAL. THESE PARTS WILL ARRIVE SOON."

3. COMMENT: SANCAR APPARENTLY WAS SPEAKING IN FAVOR OF A CYPRUS SETTLEMENT; AND IF WE READ CORRECTLY, HE WAS BOTH AFFIRMING THAT THE TURKISH MINIMUM WOULD BE 25-26 PER CENT AND IMPLYING THAT THIS AMOUNT WOULD BE SATISFACTORY. ALTHOUGH THIS IS THE LOWEST PERCENTAGE WE HAVE SEEN PUBLICLY MENTIONED BY ANY TURK (THE GOT HAS TRIED TO AVOID CASTING THE QUESTION IN PERCENTAGE TERMS), IT HAS NOT CAUGHT ATTENTION HERE. PERHAPS THERE IS NO CONFLICT BETWEEN SANCAR'S POSITION ON VAROSHA AND HIS ATTITUDE TOWARD A SUBSTANTIAL CONCESSION IN THE OVERALL TERRITORIAL PRICE TO BE PAID FOR A SETTLEMENT. IN ANY EVENT, WE ARE INCLINED TO TREAT THIS RECENT RETIREE'S LATEST STATEMENT AS A STRAW IN THE WIND RATHER THAN AS CONCRETE EVIDENCE OF INTENTIONS. WE PRESUME THAT HIS STRANGE STATEMENT ABOUT SPARE PARTS MIGHT BE PICKED UP AND USED IN THE CURRENT GREEK CAMPAIGN IN THE U.S.

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